



Renewable Energy Committee Meeting

January 7, 2013

BPU 1st Floor Meeting Room - Trenton, NJ

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

I. OCE Updates (S. Hunter)

a. Regulatory / Legislation Update

- CRA proceeding has President Hannah as the hearing officer, and he still is the hearing officer. We were to revise that straw hearing for January 12th. Those dates are being pushed back as we're still looking at the comments and revising the straw proposal to go forward. The hearing will most likely take place in March, but we do have to have that in place before the end of January though.

b. Board Orders and Proceedings (M. Winka)

- The board approved 6 awards on the large CHP Fuel Cell solicitation that we manage in partnership with EDA. Those 6 projects amounted to approximately \$67 million and the grant awards were in the amount of approximately \$11.1 million, so 16% of those projects total capital cost are going forward.
- The board approved a second round solicitation of \$25 million for the CHP solicitation. That will be a 1st come 1st serve continuous solicitation. The process is outlined in the Board Order. The technical review will go to EDC and applicants will have a certain amount of time to submit their documentation.
- The Board approved the 3 contracts for AEG, Honeywell and TRC through July 19th, 2013 (a six month extension). There is a transition period in the new and existing contracts that would coordinate with the timing of extending the contracts through the end of June.

- On the Board agenda is storm response program modifications that mostly apply to the Energy Efficiency programs. For the RE Programs, we are handling the requests of second extensions of rebate commitments. The Market Managers do not have the ability to grant second extensions so we're going to seek authorization from the board to grant second extensions for the rebate programs. For the SRP program, we're working on a work around for the ten day rule for those adversely impacted by the storm. Also for the RPS regulations for the installation of the revenue grade meter, people who were adversely impacted by the storm, we are recommending to the Board that they grant staff the ability to authorize GATS to grant a one month waiver of the regulations to create SRECs for December once they have installed the meters. This is still subject to our lawyer's approval.
- Also from the December Agenda There was an extension granted for a PSA for the JCP&L EDC Solar Finance Program. Going forward the extension request authority should go through the utility.
- The Solar loan 3 schedule was issued in a Board Order on Jan 4th with updates for that program development.

II. Discussion of the Solar Act (S. Hunter, C. Garrison)

a. Update on Provisions of the Law

- Sections Q, R, S & T: The application deadline for projects to file under subsection S by June 2011 and the filing of the notice within 60 days has passed. We received 55 applications in December and we're in the process of reviewing them and making a recommendation to the Board. The recommendation for the Board will most likely be on the March agenda meeting, as well as for Q & R.
- For the Aggregated Net Metering, we're in the process of scheduling the next net metering and interconnection meeting in late February or March.

III. Open discussion on item III.a. (K. Bolcar Rever, All)

a. Definition of "solar market development volatility" and key indicators

- Market Volatility: The number of applications that are coming in or not coming in. Big swings in general in regards to price, number and size from different sectors. Need to be able to adjust time frames to assess level of risk for volatility.

b. Discussion of the SREC Market construct

- The SREC Market is created by policy. What are the key attributes of the SREC market construct in NJ that contributes to market development volatility or stability?
 - SREC Price, timelines. Impact on ratepayer
- SH recommends that commenter's in discussion should review the SEIA comments and the questions that they asked and try to answer them. Submit comments to OCE@bpu.state.nj.us by February 1st. SEIA comments can be found on the RE Committee meeting logistics page on NJCleanenergy.com website.

IV. Program Updates (C. Garrison)

a. Installed Capacity Update

- The Preliminary installed solar capacity as of 12/31/12 is approximately 959 MW.
 - Approx. 9 MW installed in current month.
- The preliminary solar capacity project pipeline as of 12/31/12 is approximately 741 MW.
 - New approvals and project scrubs were roughly equal at 12 MW.

V. Operations Update (T. Gray)

a. Timelines & Volume update

- 557 SRP Registrations received in December 2012
- 862 Final As-Built Packages received in December 2012
- 404 Final completions (Rebate Processing and SRP Completions) for 14.7 MW
- YTD: 6,442 NJ Certification numbers issued for 395 MW

b. Upcoming Webinar

- Webinar to be scheduled in early 2013
- Technical forms, program requirements, shading analysis, etc
- Clarification on SRP process and requirements
- Solar Act will not be discussed during this webinar

VI. Update on Interconnection Issues (J. Teague)

- Stakeholder meeting planned for the end of February. Date will be announced imminently along with an agenda.
- Major issues currently are not concerning interconnection issues anymore. Main issues are now billing issues. In the Aug 3rd meeting we were looking for input on how to resolve 3rd party supplier issues. One of the major items is the failure of the customer-generator or EDC to notify the 3rd party supplier that the customer-generator is the net metering customer. I have asked for input on that. Another major issue is the annualization issue for net metering customers and 3rd party suppliers. We're in the process of finalizing that draft for Board Approval.

VII. Other Topics / New Business

- a. Question from audience: Do you ever anticipate the solar market becoming something like installing air conditioners? Besides having to tell the EDC
 - Answer: There's nothing stopping that from having that now if they don't want to register for SRECs.
- b. All CORE Projects have been completed. REIP, only a few projects remain.
- c. Next RE Meeting is on February 14th in Trenton

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Tuesday, January 07, 2013
Board of Public Utilities

1:00pm - 3:30pm

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